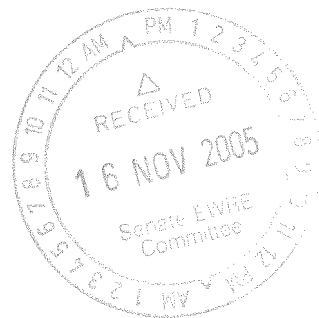


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**To:** EET, Committee (SEN)  
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The Chair - Senator Judith Troeth  
Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee  
Inquiry into Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005

Dear Senators

Why has the federal government not consulted with the NT community, particularly the traditional owners of the proposed sites?

Has the federal government considered the Constitutional validity per cooperative treaties under the External Affairs head of power? Particulary given inconsistencies with domestic law and treaty obligations.

While a federal government can pass laws on behalf of a territory, has this government considered the ambit and context of this head of power given that to all intentioned purposes the Northern Territory government structures fulfil all of the Diceyan aspirations of a government intent on serving its people?

I put to you that the proposed laws are not in the best interest of either the people of Northern Territory nor of the greater interest of the people of Australia. You may claim and electoral mandate, however that mandate is predicated on an assumption of good and responsible governance. Hastily drawn up laws and decisions seem to be the antithesis of any implied electoral mandate.

I strongly recommend that you adjourn any decisions till after there has been ample public debate and more time has been devoted to researching the potential consequences of nuclear waste facilities across the country.

Yours Sincerely

Graham Wells